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CLEVER CROOK OPERATES HERE

B. Whitlock, With Jail Record Look-Like Ready Money but He Ends Up in Tolls of Law.

The peaceful routine of Sonoma affairs was rather furried by the rosy appearance here last Saturday of what seemed to be a real "live one" in the presence of one Buford Whitlock, a suave stranger who told of contemplated investments in Sonoma Valley, of connections he had with banking firms and affiliations with prominent fraternal orders all of which made a pronounced hit with those with whom he made acquaintance. Buford was "there a million" for just a little while. His popularity however was short lived for suspicion began to attach itself to some of his promiscuous check writing and he was detained by Deputy Sheriff Murray while in the act of commandeering a machine in which he evidently hoped to make his get away. Whitlock bungled his criminal science when he seemed to have the community "going." They fell for him so strong that he got careless in his methods. His refined work gave way to what is popularly termed lumpy and when the Bank of Italy the Crocker Bank and other concerns given by him as references wired back "no funds" "no account" "don't know him," the game was up. He was introduced around town by local men with whom he ingratiated himself and later was taken up by one of our most prominent citizens to whom he represented himself as a Mason and prospective realty buyer. He was joy ridden to the Springs and shown every courtesy for Whitlock was clever and most plausible as even the local bankers whom he also interviewed, admit.

Meanwhile he had cashed \$7.00 worth of spurious paper on James Modini \$10 on the De Luxe barber and \$10 at the Union Hotel. He also presented a \$25 check at the N. & M. Hardware Company and arranged for some goods with Andreux brothers whom he figured on paying with a big check and getting his "change." With a criminal's intuition, however, he suddenly got a "hunch" that he was under suspicion and his clumsy attempt to get out after sending his wife to board the afternoon train, led to his undoing. He pointed out a big machine in front of the Union Hotel as his car and ordered it taken to the garage for gas explaining that he contemplated quite a trip. Just about the time arrangements were being made to have Harry Quartaroli prepare it for the trip, the owner appeared and confronted Whitlock who was promptly arrested. His wife was also detained as she started to board the train. Subsequent inquiry by the officers revealed the fact that all Whitlock's references were bogus. He is an old offender. He was committed to Whittier reform school in 1907 and has been in the toils of the law on and off ever since. In 1914 he was sentenced to Folsom for petty larceny and forgery and in 1916 was sentenced to 2 years in San Quentin for passing worthless checks. This later sentence he was allowed to serve out at the County Jail in San Francisco and was liberated on the 26th of December last. One of his aliases is John Harrison Skeffington.

The couple came here from Calistoga where they jumped a board bill of over \$70. After their arrest by deputy sheriff Murray they were taken to the county jail at Santa Rosa. Whitlock is a young fellow and the woman known as his wife is considerably older. She spent most of her time at the Library while he was posing as the man of means and a good fellow. After tricking James Modini, he was followed about by Wayne Batchelor who baited him into springing much of the worthless paper at the suggestion of the officers. Even after his capture and the exposure of his methods and record a still hopeful victim tendered one of his checks at a local bank with the declaration that it might be good. Whitlock made a distinct impression and some of his victims were loath to believe that the plausible likeable fellow was really a jail bird and a crook.

It is understood that Whitlock will plead guilty before Judge Small next week and be held to answer before the Superior Court on the charge of passing worthless checks.

SUIT OVER NEW HOTEL
The trial of the suit of O'Brien Bros., architects vs. Richards, proprietors of Agua Caliente Springs is on at Santa Rosa, the jury having been chosen Thursday. O'Brien's claim an unpaid balance and the Richards have a counter suit for \$8000 damages.

Sam Sebastiani, the wholesale wine merchant was a visitor to Lakeville Wednesday.

NEW YORK DRINKS SONOMA WINES

Big Shipments Going Out Daily From Leading Producers of Sonoma Valley to Markets of World.

The extent of the wine industry in Sonoma Valley is in evidence every day now as fine teams laden with barrels of Sonoma wines and brandies are seen hauling the produce of our vineyards to the shipping points or at the Sebastiani plant where the vintage is loaded directly on to the cars and switched from the siding to the main line and thence goes through to its destination to New York city. That the biggest city in the United States is furnishing a fine market for our produce is plain and upon the annual trips of our leading producers to New York they invariably bring back bigger orders than ever. Mr. Sebastiani is supplying much of the California wine consumed in New York. In fact he is the third largest producer in the state. He has paid \$25,000 in revenue to the United States government and is shipping 50,000 gallons monthly. In addition he has made 400 barrels of brandy. G. Sorini, another of our leading wholesale wine merchants has made 200,000 gallons of wine which he has been shipping to Tribuna & Garish, New York. Almost every day you can see his well kept team hauling barrels of our famous vintage to the depot. Mr. Sorini is making extensive improvements at his plant and will continue also to buy and dry more fruit, which is an important industry with him. He dried 75 tons last season.

F. Pagani of the Glen Ellen section is increasing his wine and brandy production each year and this season made about 200,000 gallons. He has a high class trade and is kept very busy filling the orders from the firms which are his customers. In addition to these producers Sonoma Valley has the famous Gundlach-Bundschu Co. whose vineyards however suffered heavily last spring from the frost but who nevertheless have been shipping daily from Vineburg their famous products.

L. Kunde is another Sonoma Valley wine man marketing his produce in the East and he lately returned with big orders which he is now filling.

LOSERS ARE WINNERS WHEN IT COMES TO FEASTING

Charley LaTorres and Roy Pauli losers in a recent card tournament after the Rebekahs meetings proved to be winners Thursday night when it came to paying their bet for they won the hearts of all the members by the fine time they gave everyone after the meeting. It was the time scheduled to pay their bet—a supper having been decided on and during the progress of the business meeting, Messrs. LaTorres and Pauli could be heard scurrying around the kitchenette presumably preparing for the evening's refreshments. When the time came to announce the "eats" the hosts surprised the company by announcing that they had decided to serve the banquet elsewhere and therefore all were escorted to the Toscano Hotel, where they found a fine ravioli banquet had been ordered by the generous lodgers. The tables were beautifully decorated and two tiny horseshoes made to order and suitably inscribed were presented to the partners. Messrs. Hunter and Revie who had won in the tournament. A witty speech was made by Mr. LaTorres at the presentation and there was much jollity during the progress of the fine spread. The Rebekahs were much pleased with the generous treat of Messrs. LaTorres and Pauli.

COUNTY'S NEW BOOKLETS

Santa Rosa, Cal. Jan. 23, 1917. Sonoma-Index-Tribune, Sonoma City, Calif., Dear Sirs: Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of the new Sonoma County Booklet. Any inquiries you may receive in regards to Sonoma County, if the names of the parties are forwarded to this office we assure you that they will receive prompt attention, and will be mailed one of these new booklets. Thanking you for your very courteous cooperation in the past we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,
J. P. Kelly, Secretary,
Sonoma County Development Association.

The booklet is rich in data on Sonoma County's resources and anyone desiring to send copies to prospective settlers should communicate with Mr. Kelly. Sonoma Valley is not written up as it should be but it behooves us to get out our own booklets. Some years ago the Index Tribune issued several thousand and they bore fruit too.

RED TAPE IN EVART CONTEST

Supervisory Recount Findings by Judge Seawell Will be Taken to Supreme Court.

The contest filed by Wm. Evart, Penn Grove candidate for supervisor following the recount which resulted in a tie is to be carried up to the Supreme Court. There the matter will be gone into and if Judge Seawell's findings are sustained we will then be forced to go to the expense of a special election to decide who is to represent this district on the Board of Supervisors. Meanwhile Supervisor Weise, whom his opponent is trying to trip up with the endless red tape he has unwound, will retain his place on the Board.

Judge Seawell signed the findings of fact, conclusions of law and judgment Monday. The judgment is that the contestant takes nothing, the recount showing that each side received the same number, 1235 votes for the office, and that each side pay its own cost.

Attorney E. J. Dole of Petaluma, representing the contestant, states that an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court at once.

Weise after a hot fight was originally declared elected by 3 votes. He was then subjected to the recount which resulted in the verdict of a tie. He must now await the judgment of the higher tribunal with possibilities of having to go through another campaign for the office. Mr. Weise is the original "good natured man" otherwise he would have developed into a first class crab ere this for he has been subjected to every annoyance a public official can be heckled with including the recall and other reform weapons. In addition to the expense and trouble these have entailed, he had the misfortune last week to be burned out losing his home and all its contents. Into this comfortable home he had put about all he was able to save out of his political job and the insurance yet to be adjusted will not half compensate for the many valuables which went up in smoke and never can be replaced. Our supervisor and his family have the sympathy of friends all over the county who hope good fortune will attend them from now on.

ARE NOW FULL FLEDGED MOOSE

Last night was a gala night in Moose circles for the local social club of Moose increased its membership by the addition of ten good fellows. In the presence of a big delegation from Santa Rosa, the following were regularly initiated into the order: Messrs. E. Riboni, E. Andreux, A. Franceschi, G. Hoover, F. Nichelini, E. Pinelli, J. Decanini, O. Waldorf, W. Perry and A. Peterson. Music and a banquet followed the ceremonies and the evening was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Mrs. Foster gave an informal tea to the school teachers Wednesday last and they were later joined by Mrs. Maurice Power and Mrs. Erickson. Tea and repartee vied for honors and the hostess was most cordial in dispensing her hospitality. Mrs. Shofner, Miss Shofner and Miss Dorothy McFarlane were also present.

Mrs. Clewe entertained Rev. Perks who is temporarily filling the pulpit of Trinity Church. Mr. Perks is an Oxford graduate and has done missionary work in China. He is a most interesting ecclesiastic.

Mrs. Sam Haven is the next hostess for the Bridge Club.

The 2nd installment of city taxes is due and payable on or before the 1st Monday in February and will be delinquent. Five per cent will be added to the amount thereof and that liens will be attached after the 1st Monday in March 1917.
James H. Albertson, Tax Collector

We Lead. Others Follow
FETTERS SPRINGS THEATRE
DANCING MOTION PICTURES
Entertainers
SINGING THE LATEST SONGS DIRECT FROM THE PUBLISHERS
The Only Original Ragtime Orchestra in the Valley
Playing the Very Latest Dance Music
Nuf Sed
Admission Always Free EVERY NIGHT

MAN INJURED BY AUTOMOBILE

Mr. Pellitter Steps in Front of Bish Car Near Boyes and Suffers Broken Ribs.

M. Pellitter, an aged Frenchman who had formerly lived at a local hotel was injured quite seriously near Boyes Springs last Saturday when he became confused by the approach of an automobile and stepped directly in front of the on coming machine. The car was owned by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bish who were accompanied by their son, Meryle. They saw the old man and sounded the horn slowing down to about 5 miles an hour. He finally turned out, going to the right of the road and just as the occupants of the car thought he was safe, he became confused and stepped directly in front of the machine. The unfortunate victim of the unavoidable accident was picked up from the ground where the car struck him down by Mr. Bish and he was hurried to Dr. Thomson for medical treatment. The doctor discovered six broken ribs and possible internal injuries. Mr. Bish did everything possible for the patient even buying him clothing in which he could be taken to the County hospital. Pellitter's condition is critical on account of his age.

CHINA NEW YEAR BANQUET GIVEN BY JOE LOCK

Joe Lock, the Chinese fruit buyer and merchant prince of Sonoma gave an elaborate banquet Wednesday night to do honor to China New Year which was ushered in with the usual oriental ceremonies and pyrotechnic splendor. The banquet was presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Lock, the latter wearing some of her handsome jewels. The banquet room was resplendent with lilies, lanterns and the aroma of burning incense. The banquet was most elaborate and included birds nest soup, bamboo shoots, chop suey, chicken chop suey, yen wa and China noodles with fried chicken. In addition there were preserved fruits of various kinds, puffed rice, candies, fruit and nuts.

Henry Bates was master of ceremonies and showed himself an adept at the use of the chopsticks. Judge Lester Small lent dignity to the occasion and ye editor was also in evidence together with the musicians of the evening, Messrs. Topete and Peterson. Among the other guests enjoying Mr. Lock's hospitality were: Geo. Goess, P. Bocchi, Theo. Keiser, Henry Anselmi, Harry Quartaroli, B. Mori, Ed. Peterson, Newton Dal Pogetto, Emile Andreux, O. Maffei, R. Emparan, Wm. Collins, John Mohr, and Ralph Evans.

The Chinese custom of paying up all bills at the beginning of the New Year was heartily indorsed by all present and after the host had explained the custom of receiving money as a good omen on New Years, the guests each gave a coin of some kind which they wrapped up in red papers supplied for the purpose and left at their places.

Joe Lock is a Native Son and shrewd business man. He buys and sells dried and green fruit, putting considerable money in circulation in this valley every season. Happy New Year Joe and good luck to you!

WOMAN JOURNEYS INTO FAR NORTH

Mrs. McCoy of St. Louis who was a visitor at the Erasmus home last summer and grew very fond of the Valley of the Moon while here, will have a chance to contrast our usual balmy climate with Alaska weather, for she has gone in over the wintry trail to join her husband in Central Alaska where he is at the army post. Mrs. McCoy will be a month on the journey, twenty days being spent in sleds. Both horses and dog teams are used in going into the heart of the far North.

COUSINS IN ESTATE CONTEST

Carl and Adolph Ludemann Would Both Administer Estate of the Late Elsie Simon.

Through the filing of two petitions in the estate of the late Elsie Simon, the deceased German lady who passed away here suddenly about two weeks ago, a contest seems likely. Her nephews Carl and Adolph Ludemann have petitioned for letters of administration. The first petition filed by Adolph Ludemann states that there was no will and that the estate consists of personal property and a \$7000 ranch in this valley. The petition filed by Carl Ludemann recites that there is \$854.42 personal property and that is disposed of in the following oligraphic will written entirely by the deceased in the German language as follows:

"In case I, Elsie Simons, should die suddenly, I hereby declare this to be my last will and testament. I leave to my nephew, Adolph F. Ludemann, all of my money together with interest which is in the German Bank. No one can make objection hereto. This is my last will, 'Elsie Simon'."

Beside the two petitioners, the relatives are Emma H. Kuster of Glen Ellen; Franz, Mona and Martha Ludemann all of Germany. Carl Ludemann who resided here for several years on the Simon ranch claims to have been left that piece of property by a deceased uncle who desired that Mrs. Simon should live on it during her life time but wanted Carl Ludemann to have it after her death. On this account Mrs. Simon left her personal property to Adolph knowing that Carl was heir to the ranch. The property in early days was the site of a brewery and during Carl Ludemann's residence here was conducted as a nursery, the Ludemann family being famous for their nurseries and horticulture.

The estate matter comes up Monday in the Superior Court at Santa Rosa.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The artifice home of Mrs. Ed. Johannsen was the scene of an enjoyable birthday surprise party, a number of friends of Mrs. D. Volquardsen coming in informally and surprising her on her anniversary day. The ladies had a very pleasant afternoon which concluded with dainty refreshments and the presentation of a pretty gift to the guest of honor. Mrs. Volquardsen was most appreciative of the compliment paid her. Those who arranged the surprise were Mesdames Helberg, McElroy, Chas. Cutter, Ed. Johannsen, Misses Thompson, Helberg, Johannsens, Volquardsen and Aletha Skinner.

The Thomas boys are still in Santa Barbara where they report work plentiful on account of the great building boom there.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Lane and daughter have returned from Berkeley, where they have been spending a portion of the winter in an attractive apartment.

WARNING

Ordinance No. 89 as published in these columns will be strictly enforced. Dumping of rubbish etc. near the city cemetery strictly forbidden. Board of City Trustees.
H. W. Gottenberg, Clerk.

"EPH. WEISS, the expert refracting optician will be in Sonoma at the Union Hotel February 2nd. Permanently located in the Whitney Bldg., 133 Geary st. San Francisco."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

COLONIAL HOTEL
650 BUSH STREET, bet. Powell and Stockton
SAN FRANCISCO
European Plan Room with private bath \$1.50
American Plan Room with private bath \$3.00

HOW XMAS TREE MONEY SPENT

The following report of the finances of the community Christmas tree fund is herewith given by the Committee:

Receipts	
Balance of donations to date	19.00
Refund on candy	1.50
Sale of lumber	2.50
Credit on bill of A. Adler	3.00
Credit on bill of Borden & Gottenberg	3.50
Totals receipts to date	174.45
Disbursements	
W. C. Grant, director	31.00
A. Adler, lumber	9.13
Mission Garage, auto hire	5.00
So. V. Expositor, printing	2.50
G. H. Hotz, supplies	2.00
L. S. Simmons, supplies	.60
S. V. Forum, printing	6.50
Lutgens & Co., candy & supp.	9.90
F. Duhring, candy	9.10
Borden & Gottenberg, candy	10.10
A. F. Jensen, music	5.00
F. Clewe, candy and supp.	38.95
Busby & Coates, auto hire	9.00
Andreux Bros. labor and supp.	35.75
Cal. Tel. & Light Co. tel.	.87
Total disbursements	175.45
A. S. Luce, Treas.	

FILES WILL OF HIS WIFE

Charles Preston filed a petition on Wednesday in the Superior Court, for the probate of the oligraphic will of his wife, Edna B. Preston, who died in Oakland January 9. The estate consists of an undivided fourth interest in a 41-acre fruit ranch south of Sonoma known as the "Brubeck ranch," and some personal property, all valued at not more than \$1,400. The will nominates the petitioner and W. A. Brubeck as executors. The heirs are the petitioner and L. V. Brubeck, the latter of Concord, who is the father of the deceased. The will was dated April 10 1914. Attorney Alva S. Sherlock of San Francisco is attorney for petitioner.

Edna Brubeck Preston was the only sister of the Brubeck brothers who recently leased the ranch between here and Vineburg and went to Concord to reside. She had been married but three years and her untimely death is mourned by a large circle of friends.

LATERAL TO CONNECT SHELLVILLE AND SANTA ROSA

A conference was held Wednesday afternoon at the office of the State Engineer McCune relative to the construction of a permanent road from Shellville to Santa Rosa and to Gurneville, when a delegation from Sonoma county, headed by Senator H. W. Slater, Assemblyman Robert Madison and Assemblyman Lyman Green, presented the matter to the State Engineer. As a result of the conference, a bill will be introduced in the Senate by Senator Slater and in the Assembly by Robert Madison, providing for an appropriation of \$50,000, providing the county provides an equal amount for the work. The first step will be to have a survey made and estimates made of the cost of the work.

The proposition will have the weight of the fact that Sonoma county has spent \$75,000 on the Black Point cut-off and that thousands of residents of the Sacramento valley desire to have a through road to the Russian river and ocean.

Another strong argument which will be used on the legislators to win votes for the proposition is the fact that Sonoma county is preparing to purchase Armstrong Grove

Louis Breitenbach is able to sit up but is still very weak. Following a critical attack of pneumonia, his lungs had to be tapped several times. He has been given the very best attention by doctors and nurses, his good wife being most devoted in her ministrations to the patient. Louis has lost some weight but can still talk politics and what he don't know about that isn't worth knowing.

On Tuesday the qualified electors of the Union High School district, are asked to meet and ratify the purchase of the Burris lot by the Trustees for \$500. This is in accordance with the requirement of the law and necessary to complete the purchase of the new site for the manual training department.

VALLEY MOURNS YOUNG MAN

James Millerick Dies in San Francisco and Many Friends Follow Remains to Resting Place in Calvary Cemetery.

James Millerick twenty six years of age and a son of one of the well known families of Sonoma Valley, passed away in San Francisco and was laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery Petaluma on Wednesday. The large funeral attended by friends from all over the county testified to the popularity of this young man whose untimely death has brought the deepest regret. He was the brother of the famous Millerick brothers who are known far and wide as perfect types of rugged Westerners. Young Jim was fond of the out door life too but an accident some years ago brought on failing health and for some months he has been in a hospital in San Francisco under the care of Dr. Galloway. For the last two weeks he has been in the shadows of death and the end came peacefully last Sunday. The remains were brought to Petaluma Wednesday where the high requiem Mass was attended by the family, relatives and friends from San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma counties. The floral offerings were many and beautiful and the white casket was borne from the church by Messrs. Millerick of Petaluma, Frank Furey, Mr. Waters and W. Powers of San Francisco. Among those well known here who attended the funeral were L. P. Kearney, Joe Ryan, Hazen Cowan, Wm. Church, Ben Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Steiger, Mrs. L. H. Green, Mrs. Emparan, Mr. and Mrs. O. Gerick, Miss E. Gerick, Mr. and Mrs. Silva, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weise, Mike Mannuch, Chas. Wall, Jack Ford, J. H. Murray and others.

Deceased was born in Pescadero, San Mateo County and leaves to mourn him his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Millerick of Shellville, Dr. Millerick of Haywards, Tom and Jack Millerick of Shellville and a sister Mrs. Jensen of Berkeley.

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NEW TRIAL JURORS

The Supervisors have completed their list of trial jurors for the year 1917, and have made some very wise selections.

The list contains the following names of Sonoma Valley people: SONOMA—Henry C. Lutgens, T. F. Monahan, Sidney Lydiard, Angelo Beretta, Arthur L. Wells, Jap. A. Valente, Geo. A. Cassidy, Ernest O. Campbell, Edward H. Johannsen, James F. Tate.

GLEN ELLLEN—Thomas Johnson, Theodore Blanckenburg Jr., Howard A. Gaige, George Curtiss, John B. Parrent, Robert P. Hill.

SHELLVILLE—Joseph P. Keiser Richard L. Watt. VINEBURG—William R. Hansen. ELDRIDGE—Jesse W. Bailey.

DEATHS

Olsen—In San Francisco, Jan. 25, 1917, Nels Peter Olsen, dearly beloved husband of Annie Olsen, loving father of Walter F., Edward S., Evelyn A., Mildred C., Ralph P. and Lester W. Olsen, and brother of Emel Olsen, a native of Sweden, aged 48 years, 11 months and 14 days. A member of Sonoma Camp W. O. W., and the Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local No. 85. (Sonoma papers please copy.)

Friends are invited to attend the funeral Saturday, at 3 o'clock from the chapel of H. F. Suhr & Co., 2919 Mission st., between 25th and 26th sts. Interment Cypress Lawn Cemetery, by automobile.

McCarthy—In San Francisco Jan. 24, 1917, Mrs. Julia McCarthy, loving aunt of Mrs. Nicholas McNamara of San Mateo, Mayme Kelly of Boyes, Sonoma county; John W. Kelly, Mrs. Julia Hill, Charles A. Kelly and the late Mary Holland, a native of County Cork, Ireland, aged 81 years.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral Friday, at 9 o'clock from her late residence, 1822 Lexington avenue; thence to Mission Dolores Church, where a requiem high mass will be celebrated for the repose of her soul, commencing at 9:30 o'clock. Interment, Holy Cross Cemetery.

Ben Ballard, assistant superintendent of schools of Sonoma County, visited our Grammar School Tuesday and was well pleased with the excellent work being done in the various departments of Principal Jesse Prestwood's school.

Tonight is a gala one at the Redmen for the big installation takes place. Many grand officers and visitors from San Francisco will be present. A banquet will follow.

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Industrial Betterment In San Francisco

"Law and Order in San Francisco" written to set forth the good work being accomplished by the loyal citizenry of our great metropolis to the end of making San Francisco a better place to live and to do business is one of the most valuable pieces of literature ever put out by the Chamber of Commerce of that city. It recites the intolerable conditions which had grown up in the industrial life there, how the Law and Order Committee came into being to combat it and later rose to the crux of its strength at the bomb outrage, determined to end the spirit of lawlessness and class tyranny which had grown to monstrous proportions.

San Francisco the beautiful city of the west with its atmosphere of subtle charm and a people whose hearts are ever warm and whose innate sense of justice had slumbered while their good nature was being taken advantage of, suddenly faced the foe which had been insidiously making inroads on her destiny and declared that as a city she must be rid of this despotism which denied the right of all but one class of people to work and was throttling commerce and industry in its struggle for domination. To end this intolerable condition effecting the welfare of the entire community, the Chamber of Commerce called the community to a realization of its responsibility and the response was electric. San Francisco's destiny was at stake. At a recent election the ordinance prohibiting picketing (shown never to be a peaceful instrument) passed by an overwhelming vote and the muttering rowdy who sought to revenge himself on his employer by interfering with peaceful, law abiding citizens was routed.

The breach of agreement entered into by the stevedores and riggers union and harshly reprimanded by Secretary of Labor Wilson because of its utter disregard for the integrity of union made contracts was another evidence of impossible conditions in a city wherein capital and labor must cooperate and be honest in their attitudes. This breach of faith and the aftermath of lawlessness where during the strike the president of the riggers and stevedores issued passes in military fashion to a favored few to pass the picket lines, where street battles between men trying to work and union sympathizers were common occurrences, hastened drastic action.

From the county where fruit and produce lay rotting for want of handling came appeals from the farmer. The demands of the business people that intolerable conditions cease was insistent, as a result the Chamber of Commerce declared for the integrity of contractual relations, for the maintenance of law and order and for open shop. Pride in San Francisco thoroughly awakened and the organization was but voicing the sentiment of the community that "there must be guaranteed to every law abiding individual the God given right to work and to live in peace and safety." San Francisco was to be redeemed from violence and intimidation.

The recitals of all the details leading up to and included in the period of time wherein the work of regeneration has been going on, seems in every way to justify the procedure of the commercial body and does not show the least earmarks of any attempt on the part of capital to impose on or to exploit labor.

It is the old old story. Labor has been imposed on by its own and the methods of the leaders to get the rank and file into disrepute rather than in a position where they could hope to dictate terms with the employers has been demonstrated countless times and always with the same result. San Francisco cannot be stopped in its triumphal march to a magnificent future if the path beset by agitation and lawlessness is kept clear by public spirited high minded, determined citizens. The loyal San Franciscan whether at work in the streets or whether drawing his dividends is a unit for the peace and prosperity borne of the right cooperation between the sons of toil and the men whose money quickens the commercial life of our big cities.

We in the county will breathe easier when the conditions of our neighboring city are better, for during the waterfront strike we suffered. The farmer and everyone dependent on the farmer and what he sells his produce for, suffered because of the tie up and wrangle in which we were innocent parties. We knew nothing of the merits of this dispute and perishable produce could not go to waste pending its settlement. That the avenues of commerce should be kept open was plainly apparent and it was up to someone to see that it was done. That much we knew. Conditions came home to us also when we went down to San Francisco on business and tried to go to our accustomed restaurant or cafeteria to eat only to have a blatant bully interfere with our peaceful intent by shouting "unfair house." We felt he was unfair to us and wished ourselves 500 miles away from a city that would permit such interference and insult. This was just a sample of our experience, how vastly worse the experience of those who lived in the midst, a part of the teeming commercial life honeycombed with the spirit of the "Blast" and kindred teachings. The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce declares it has made a beginning and pledges itself to carry through to the end the work of really rehabilitating San Francisco. It has the best wishes of the thousands of people living in the interior of California—not in any spirit of class sympathy for we do not want to see capital put it over labor any more than labor dominate capital. The voters of both city and county have shown by their ballots their sympathy with the improvement of labor conditions. We are paying exorbitant taxes right today because of our humanitarian sentiments. We are demonstrating constantly our interest in the well being of the working man but this kind of legislation is hampered, its good in doubt so long as we are repaid with violence and the blocking of the wheels of industry by those whom we are seeking to benefit.

The Examiner once yellow, now whiter than snow?

With de Young hammering Spring Valley and Hearst the tenderloin, the deep sea and the Devil are having a hard time.

Graft is an evil we repel but stupidity in civic matters and in public expenditure is an evil we condone yet both cost money whether clever graft or bone head business.

How are you going to keep sin in with so many whistling for it to come out—perhaps Rev. Paul Smith can tell us. The whistle in Frisco was too loud. They got careless with their mufflers.

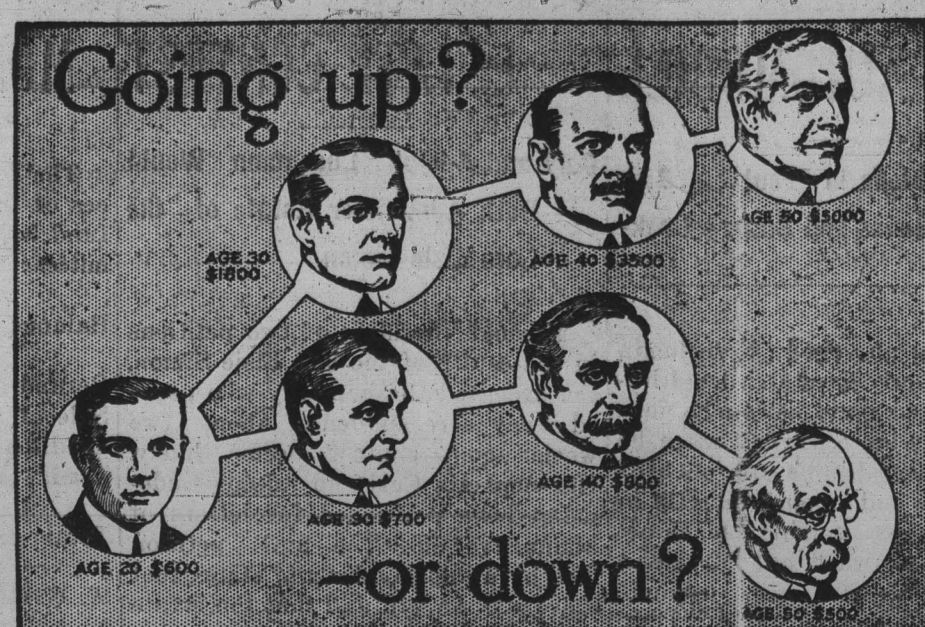
The suggestion of a wide awake citizen of Sonoma that we have a representative at Sacramento delegated to watch out for the interests of this place in connection with the highway connection between the Black Point out-off and Santa Rosa and to be on the alert everywhere and anywhere our future is at stake, is worth while giving serious consideration. If they slip one over on Sonoma and give us the go-by through making a detour which would leave Sonoma out, we will enjoy another 50 years of lethargy and property values will surely shrivel instead of advancing by the leaps and bounds that have ever followed highway improving.

WARNING

All live stock running loose and trespassing on my property at Buena Vista will be taken up and sent to the public pound.

S. LYDIARD

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



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WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

As the President of the Woman's Club, Mrs. P. N. Stofen, was still in Berkeley, and as the Vice President Mrs. A. H. Bates was unable to be present on account of illness, the meeting last Friday was presided over by Past President, Mrs. J. P. Stearns. The business session was very short and the program for the afternoon began with a captivating little Spanish song by Mrs. Em. paran. The topic of "Current Events" brought forth a number of well chosen articles or discourses treating of the world's tremendous activities in the fields of sociology, religion, literature and medicine. The members taking part were Mesdames Poppe, Burlingame, Lowell, Hayes, Wagon, Stearns and Duh-ring.

Two brilliant piano solos by Miss Emilie Poppe were greatly enjoyed, after which, Mrs. Wicker as hostess treated her guests to cups of hot and delectable bouillon.

Next Friday evening Jan. 26th, a brilliant card party will be held and all friends of the Club will be given a cordial welcome and a delightful evening.

The Primary Election of officers for the coming year will be held Friday, Feb. 2nd, and every club member is urged to be present. Please note that anyone in arrears of dues is not privileged to vote.

Club Reporter.

"A DAUGHTER OF THE GODS"

William Fox's million dollar picture "A Daughter of the Gods", in which Annette Kellermann is featured, has been making theatrical history for the past four weeks at the Savoy Theatre, San Francisco.

Artistic photography and the prodigality of an Oriental splendor in settings and in costumes, combine to give this picture an exceptional value apart from the very interesting story that it tells. Of course the real interest centers in Miss Kellermann, not only on account of her truly remarkable swimming and diving feats but also in her total disregard of conventionalities in the matter of wearing apparel. "Beauty unadorned" it might well be termed, yet at no time does anything offensive appear upon the screen. On the contrary it is highly artistic and audiences which have crowded the Savoy to the doors at every performance sit entranced while this most delightful of all photo-plays is unrolled.

The story centers about Anita, a daughter of the Gods, both of the sea nymphs but mortal, and ordained by the prophecy of a powerful witch to play a vital part in the life and reign of a great Sultan. Her adventures from her entry into his domains, where she at once assumes a dominating influence through her great beauty and incurs the enmity of the ruler's favorite, herself ambitious to ascend the throne, are very complicated. She successively escapes through the good offices of a protecting fairy the ravages of a volcanic eruption, death at the stake a set of crocodiles, death in the rapids and in the angry sea and finally returns at the head of an army of gnomes and elves changed by the fairy's influence into men of valor to liberate the Sultan's oppressed people and be restored to the arms of his son, the Prince and her lover.

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Zfeimann's Farm is to be much improved for the summer trade of 1917. Contractor Murphy has been enlarging the dining room and kitchen and also building on additional rooms for the accommodation of guests.

Miss Ethel Gerick is back from Sebastopol and is being welcomed by her many friends.

Fred. Schell Jr. has been quite sick.

The Glen Ellen Womans Improvement Club enjoyed an interesting program yesterday. It was a Jack London memorial afternoon and Mrs. Carrie Burlingame spoke most beautifully of the life and character of the late author. A London memorial reading room may be erected in Glen Ellen.

Mrs. Bianchini of Sonoma Grove, has returned home after a fine trip to San Francisco, San Jose and other points of interest.

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VINEBURG

Mr. and Mrs. A. Figone and family of San Francisco were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Batto.

Walter Bundschu, one of the present Grand Jurors transacted official business at the county seat Monday.

Frank Groskopf and Miss Helen Forni, pupils of the Petaluma Business College after a short visit to their parents, returned to school on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Batto returned home Sunday after a week's visit with Santa Rosa friends.

The moving picture show Tuesday evening was one of the most successful of the season. Martin's pavilion was filled to capacity and there was not even standing room. The pictures were fine and everyone present enjoyed them. Collins & Mohr will continue to show on Tuesday and Friday until further notice.

Fred Batto and son Herbert, accompanied by Misses Adele Andreux and Elizabeth McDevitt, motored to Petaluma Wednesday and took in the sights of the Egg City.

Carloads of wine are being shipped from the Gundlach-Bundschu wine cellars daily to different points East.

At the last meeting of the Box Car Improvement Club, one member suggested that the Club should advocate building a church in Vineburg. Others members said to wait until the burg became a dry town like Wheatland, Yolo Co., and then it wouldn't need a church.

We hear that a man in Sonoma has 150 tons of coal stored away and it is claimed that he is waiting for the Standard Oil Co. to "bush up" before he sells it. Why don't he loosen up and give the people a chance to buy it just like "Kelly did."

BABY JIM.

One hundred per cent efficiency is attained only when the integrity of the nervous system is undisturbed. Optical defects lessen efficiency. Eph. Weiss will be in Sonoma at the Union Hotel on February 2nd.

Mrs. Ed. Johansen will be next hostess to the Flying Needles the first Wednesday in February.

The schools of Eureka and Sebastopol are closed on account of Scarlet fever.

Today at 1.30 there will be a big mass meeting of all poultry producers at Petaluma's opera house.

The little son of Mamie Fochetti Delph was operated on for tonsil and adenoid trouble by Dr. Gobar this week and is doing nicely.

Little Miss Geraldine Small Morando entertained a few of her playmates at a birthday party last Tuesday. The youngsters had a fine time playing games etc. and later were treated to delicious refreshments. Those present were: Irving Gobar, Robley Harbort, Ruth Prestwood, Countess Prestwood, Louis Bidou and Geraldine Small Morando.

Miss Maggett of Eldridge visited her friend Miss Gertrude Breitenbach this week.

Mrs. Eliza Shepard was called to Oakland this week by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. London, also the mother of the famous author. There has been several bereavements in the London family, a sister, Mrs. Byrne, having died about a year ago.

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The Silva family were among those who attended the last sad rites for Mrs. Jensen at Napa.

E. Bennett visited Petaluma Tuesday.

Mrs. Hettie Voight entertained the Jolly Twelve Saturday night.

Mrs. Andy Leary of Fresno has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Tony Keiser.

Conrad Keiser is now driving a classy Ford.

The N. R. Knights have arrived to take up their residence here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Semino of Wingo entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. Arbogast Sunday.

Mrs. Harold Pauli is home from the sanitarium with her pretty baby girl, Claire.

Many Shellville friends attended the funeral of James Millerick in Petaluma.

Mrs. Bruere has returned from Los Angeles, after a three weeks visit in the southern metropolis.

Mrs. Morris of San Francisco has been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

There will be a dance tonight at the Tule Vista school house.

The Literary Club of Tule Vista had a very pleasant time at Mrs. Carlson's Thursday afternoon. The topic of discussion was "Sweden" and proved most interesting. The hostess served a dainty repast and all enjoyed the hospitality.

Mrs. Ed. Cozzens (nee Emma Campbell) is in San Jose with her parents and leaves with her husband for Africa in the Fall.

Mrs. W. H. Brown of Alameda has been visiting her brother, Chas. Potter.

Attorney Frances McG Martin of Santa Rosa is calling the attention of the Legislature to the inadequacy of California community property laws and is trying to get more justice for children left by mothers who die after helping accumulate property and then have the husbands remarry and leave the children nothing. The law she proposes would divide the property between husband and children or would conserve part of the community property for the children. Mrs. Martin is citing the Gracie estate case in her talk with leading legislators.

The White Shell Club met this week at Mrs. Whitmores.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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In the Matter of the Estate of Sarah T. Norrbom, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Sarah T. Norrbom, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit the same with the necessary vouchers, within four months from the first publication of this notice to the undersigned, at the office of C. C. Cowgill, in the City of Sonoma, the place where the business of said estate is transacted.

Dated January, 27, 1917.
Ferdinand M. Norrbom,
Administrator of the estate of Sarah T. Norrbom, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Philip Snyder, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Frank H. Phillips, administrator of the estate of Philip Snyder, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to file them with the necessary vouchers, within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the superior court of the State of California, in and for the County of Sonoma, or to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four (4) months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at the law offices of W. T. Mooney, at rooms 21-22 Gwinn Building, 32 Washington Street, Petaluma, California, the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the estate in the said County of Sonoma, State of California.

FRANK H. PHILLIPS,
Administrator of the estate of Philip Snyder, Deceased.
Dated at Petaluma, December 26th, 1916. W. T. Mooney, Esq.,
Attorney for Estate.
Date of first publication, Jan. 27th, 1917.

Mrs. O. Gordenker was in town Sunday visiting friends.

Carl Baldesberger returned to Vineburg Monday evening.

Julius Fochetti Jr. was a business visitor to the metropolis Monday.

Miss Florence Green returned to her studies at the High School in San Francisco Monday morning.

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4:30 P M	San Rafael and Intermediates	00:7 P M
9:28 A M	Glen Ellen and Intermediates.	7:25 A M
00:7 P M	Intermediates.	4:30 P M
7:25 A M	Ignacio Headbourn Cloverdale Ukiah Willits and Intermediates.	00:7 P M
7:25 A M	Eureka and Intermediates.	00:7 P M
7:25 A M	Sebastopol and Intermediates	00:7 P M
7:25 A M	Guerneville and Intermediates.	00:7 P M
7:25 A M	Headbourn and Intermediates	9:28 A M
4:50 P M		00:7 P M

GLEN ELLEN

Chas. Pagani was a business visitor to Santa Rosa Saturday.

N. Forni has completed a large concrete reservoir for H. J. Chauvet near the Graham Canyon Creek. This will supply the town with water.

Chas. Havens and wife have gone to Fresno to reside. They leave behind a host of friends who wish them every success.

Two new barbers is the latest. One has opened a shop at Pancrazi's and the other is located at the old Rhine Hotel.

Mrs. E. Monahan has gone to San Francisco to receive medical aid as she has been ill for sometime. Miss Bernice Monahan is running the Hotel Mervyn during her mother's absence.

J. H. Ossan has resigned his position as butcher at the Sonoma State Home. He is contemplating a much needed rest.

Ben Behler reports the sale of his wine to Gundlach-Bundschu at Vineburg. Mr. Behler further states that that the price of wine is soaring.

Miss Bessie Venton who has been very ill for sometime at Green's Sanitarium, is improving.

A dance was held at the Sonoma State Home last week for the attendants. All had a very enjoyable time.

A large crowd took in the moving pictures at Pancrazi's Tuesday night. Mr. Pancrazi runs first class pictures and a pleasant evening is always assured to all who attend.

Jack Craib, who has been sick in San Francisco has recovered and is back in the old burg again. He has accepted a position at Hotel Chauvet as piano player.

EL VERANO

Mrs. Bouhoff went to Santa Rosa Tuesday.

Mrs. Jones has been visiting Mrs. Sarah Baines.

Miss May Andrews has been home for a few days but will soon leave for Los Angeles where she has accepted a contract with the Universal Co.

S. Ault has gone to San Francisco where he has taken a position.

A. Chevalier has leased the rear part of his ranch to Mr. Peterson who is building and will shortly reside there with his family.

A. Chevalier expects to enter his nephew, Henry, at Santa Clara College next year where the young man will receive the splendid education given at that university.

There was a pleasant gathering of friends at the J. Hawkens home last Sunday. Mr. Hawkens celebrated his birthday and all enjoyed the good time accorded and the fine refreshments served at the prettily decorated table. Many were the congratulations.

H. Burmeister went to Petaluma this week and purchased 3200 baby chicks.

A. M. Garaventa, the well known merchant of El Verano has purchased the fine business corner opposite Villa Savoy from John Serres and has already moved his grocery and general merchandise to the new location.

Harry Clark of Crockett and Ed. Horegan of the metropolis were entertained at the L. Breitenbach home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leiser were in the city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Carpenter motored over to the Erazmus home from Petaluma and remained over the week end. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Cuffe of San Rafael. Mr. Cuffe is military instructor at Mt. Tamalpais military academy.

The visitors were accorded a delightful time during their stay at Crescent Acres and as the host and hostess and their guests are all military folks they had many congenial hours together discussing life at the army posts and reminiscing about old times.

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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Arbogast have purchased the Congregational parsonage and will reside there.

Three years old yesterday, Maxine Hunter, the dainty little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hunter, had a birthday party. The following well known families were represented by their little ones at the gathering: Havens, Clewe, Luce, Prestwood, Delph, Lowell, Hotz, Rubke, Gobar and others.

Mrs. K. Buchan accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Ned Harbort as far as San Francisco Saturday morning. Mrs. Harbort was en route to Florida where she goes to join her husband.

Miss Inez Reed left Monday on a short pleasure trip to San Francisco.

Mrs. John Wadsworth continues to be poor in health. She is suffering with neuritis and is, with her daughter, Mrs. L. M. King in Alameda.

Miss E. Goldsmith of Boyes Springs was a visitor to the Bay City Sunday.

Mrs. Judith Borden will go to San Rafael on Monday to instruct the Eastern Star ladies of that city in the work of that Order.

Mr. and Mrs. Burmeister, who went down to San Francisco Sunday to attend the Symphony concert, were disappointed as the house was sold out, standing room being at a premium. The music lovers were very sorry to have missed the excellent program.

Dr. L. B. Lawson was elected president of the Hygienic Health Food Co. in Oakland last Tuesday.

Mrs. L. H. Green and Miss Ethel Gerieck attended the Millerick funeral at Petaluma this week.

PROPOSES GOOD LAW

Sonoma Index-Tribune, Sonoma, California.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

The prohibitionists are certainly driving us to the wall, but we have introduced through Assemblymen Leo Friedman a bill, which if passed, give us the best fighting chance we have had since the introduction into this state of the initiative. In other words it now takes a petition signed by eight per cent of the voters to introduce a constitutional amendment or re-call. Mr. Friedman's bill states that a petition signed by ten per cent of the voters will counteract an initiative or re-call petition. This is the first blow believe that we have struck in the right direction.

I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Friedman's description as to the merits of this bill. I wish we could get some more propositions like it.

Trusting you will make use of this information and with kindest regards I remain yours truly,

Robert Madison.

In explanation of his proposed measures Mr. Friedman writes us as follows:

"The two constitutional amendments that it is my intention to introduce are proposals to amend section 1 of article 4 of the constitution related to the initiative, and to amend section 23 of the constitution relating to the recall of public officials."

The initiative power now lodged in the people by the constitution has always appeared to me to be a one sided proposition by which a minority of the electors can force the people of the State of California to hold a general and special election at which the people must attend in order to express their displeasure with the proposed laws which are in many instances but personal hobbies of a few individuals. Bearing this well in mind, I came to the conclusion that the people not in favor of the proposed initiative measures should have the opportunity of expressing in an effective manner their objections to such measures.

As the law exists today, eight per cent of the people who voted for Governor may propose any bill for ratification by the people by an initiative measure, submitting such proposition direct to the electors. Those who are in opposition to such a measure have no alternative but to attend the polls on election day and voice their displeasure there. Under the amendment that I propose, when an initiative petition has

been filed with the Secretary of State, 90 days are allowed thereafter within which time those not in sympathy with such proposed measure may circulate counter-petitions demanding that such particular initiative measure shall not be put to the vote of the people and if 10 per cent of the voters sign such counter-petition the original initiative petition becomes void and no election can be called or held submitting such measure to the vote of the people.

That this amendment is an eminently fair and just one, there is no doubt in my mind. It allows both sides of the proposition to be thrashed out before the state, cities and counties are forced to expend great sums of money in holding elections at which the majority of initiative measures are defeated.

The second amendment that I propose to introduce deals with the recall of public officials. The law as it now exists allows a minority to circulate petitions for the recall of public officials, and thus to such public officials sought to be recalled, no alternative is left other than to once again come before the people at the polls and seek the approval of his official conduct. In every such case a special election must be held. The incumbent must leave his official and personal affairs and campaign among the constituents for the purpose of justifying his conduct. The result is an added expense to the electors in holding these special elections and loss to the incumbent of valuable time. Under the amendment as prepared by myself the incumbent sought to be removed from office is allowed sixty days after the petition for his recall has been filed with the Secretary of State within which to circulate a counter-petition, and if the requested number of electors sign such counter-petition, which contains first a statement that they are satisfied with manner in which the incumbent has performed his duties, second a demand that he be not recalled, third a demand that the officer sought to be recalled continue to perform the duties of the office for which he was elected or appointed for the balance of his term, then in that event, the entire recall proceedings fail and no election is held.

It is my firm belief that both of these amendments will save large sums of money in the holding of useless elections; that by these amendments fair and just expressions of opinion of the voters can be ascertained.

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